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FOR ASST SEC ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, SA, US, JO

SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

REF: (A) STATE 105843, (B) STATE 112805, (C) STATE 106991

1. I DID, OF COURSE, REFER IN MY CONVERSATION WITH PRINCE FAHD TO PORTIONS OF REFTEL B. BUT, AS YOU KNOW, NOTHING IN THAT MESSAGE ABROGATED THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL C. THEREFORE, I DID NOT DISCUSS DETAILS WITH THE SAME EMPHASIS, THOUGH I MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE CONTINUE TO TAKE A VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF THE MATTER. I ALSO BROUGHT OUT SECRETARY'S ASSURANCE CONCERNING SAUDI SECURITY. THIS SEEMED WELL DESIGNED, AS I SAW IT, TO USE AT PRESENT JUXTURE. WHAT I WOULD LIKE MOST, HOWEVER, IS AUTHORITY TO RETURN TO MY PREVIOUS LEVEL OF EMPHASIS IF AND AS CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. WE ARE NOW IN A STAGE WHERE SAUDIS HAVE DECIDED TO AWAIT KING HUSSEIN'S MOVE, AND I ASSURED FAHD WE WOULD CONSULT WITH HIM AS DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR.

2. AS YOU KNOW, I INFORMED BOTH FAHD AND PRINCE HASSAN WITH EMPHASIS THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET GO ON THIS ONE. PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE STRESSED THAT WAS MY INTENTION. IT STILL IS, AND I WANT TO SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER FAHD'S STATEMENT TO ME, PARA 4 JIDDA 3266, TO EFFECT SAUDI ARABIA'S CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE \$300 MILLION TOWARD HAWK BATTERIES AND VULCAN GUNS AND UNITED STATES SHOULD DO THE REST. IF YOU COULD ENVISAGE GOING TO CONGRESS

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FOR THE LESSER SM OF \$220 MILLION REQUIRED, AND WOULD AUTHORIZE

ME TO TELL FAHD THAT YOU WILL DO THAT PROVIDED HE WILL AGREE TO  
DISCUSS STAGE 2 COSTS WITH US AT APPROPRIATE TIME, I WOULD BE  
HAPPY TO TAKE UP THE CHARGE AGAIN.  
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